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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

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PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

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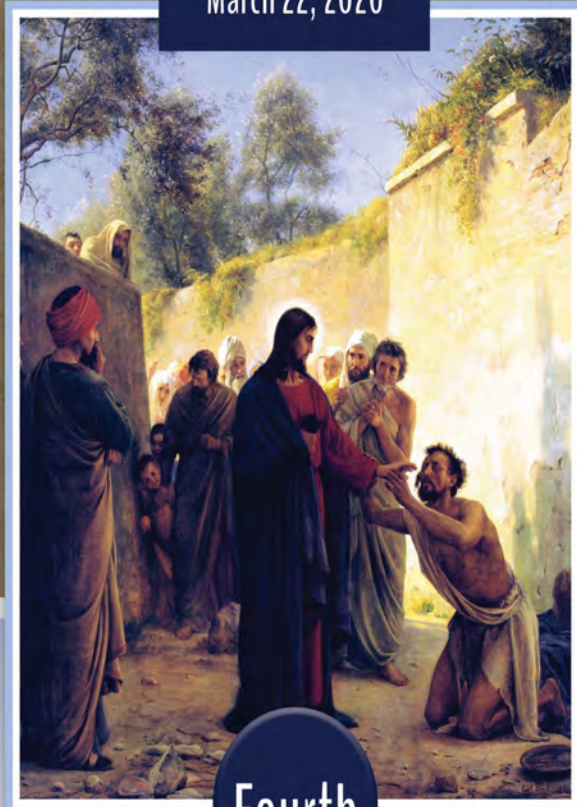
Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm

March 22, 2020



Fourth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39

Thanks from Fathers Arnaud & Finley & Monsignor Romero . . .

Sincere Thanks to all who took part in any way in our recent Ordination Anniversary Celebration. We feel blessed to experience the pastorate here at Nativity. The warm welcome, the love of the congregation, and the care and concern in Christ has a special place in our hearts. Let us continue developing the One Mind and One Heart of Christ in each of us. God Bless all of you!

**Due to recent events,
Confirmation has been postponed.
Thursday Daily Mass will be 5:30pm**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

5:30pm Oliver Andre, Janis Staton
Thelma Hulin (liv), Mary Taylor (liv)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen
Mitchel & Marie (ann of death) Babineaux

Thursday, March 26, 2020

5:30pm Confirmation Candidates

Friday, March 27, 2020

6:30am Annette L. Angelle (liv)(bd)

Saturday, March 28, 2020

4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Warren Barras
Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet
Oris Gachassin, Eve Crochet
M/M Allen Daigre & John
M/M Lewis Merryman & Linda
Kearney & Gertie Robichaux, Roy Flores
Domingue, Delcambre & Crochet Fly

Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard
Tan Dugas

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Quang V. Nguyen, Terrance Overland
Agapito A. Castro, Philip Monté, Jr.
M/M Merle Bazer, Mary Grace Rentrop

10:30am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Clarence & Violet Lancon

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

A: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "[John, or Mary], you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May this white garment be a sign to you of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring it unstained into eternal life. Amen." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic Agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

REFLECTIONS – Fourth Sunday of Lent - It is tempting to think that when things are going well it is because God is pleased with us and when they aren't that we have done something "wrong." Perhaps, this kind of reasoning is more "comfortable" than the alternative, which is to take responsibility for the choices we have made. Such an attitude also does a disservice to God. He is not keeping a tally to determine punishments and rewards. God is constantly pouring out his love and grace in the midst of good and bad times. Do you believe that God loves you all the time?

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1

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Council #12997 Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29, 2020

**Pickup is under the Carport behind
 the Church Office (behind Church)
 from 11AM - 1PM**

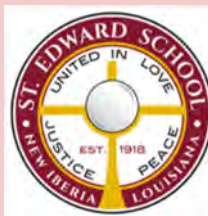
Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling brownies



Due to recent events, Bishop J. Douglas De-shotel has instructed that all Faith Formation Classes will be canceled. Nativity teachers will be in touch with all students. First Communion program is still currently in place, these teachers will be in touch with the families of the First Communion candidates.

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welcome to
Catholic High
 NEW IBERIA

CHS Admissions Office invites you to spend more time with CHS—here are a few events we would love to share with you!

MASS

Every Thursday at 9:15 a.m. we have All-School Mass in our gym. Please join us.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Tony Award winning Best Musical, Annie, comes to Catholic High School's Disch Gym this Spring. The popular children's musical, Little Orphan Annie, is performed by the students of Catholic High and is open to the public with a \$2 admission on Saturday, April 26th.

TOURS

Tours are a great way to learn all about what CHS has to offer! Call the Admissions Office schedule your personal tour.

NEW STUDENTS

We are currently accepting applications for new students. Visit our website or call our Admissions Office for more information, and we will be more than happy to help.

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Please visit our website for more info about our upcoming events.

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PRAYER & SICK LIST



The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office

@ 364-8360: Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Mary Ann Babin, Clifton Babin, Cindy Trahan, Kay Bourreaux, Lynn Bodin, Harriet Fowler, Craig Daniels, Acey & Diana Frugé, Mercedes Turner, Lonnie Lavergne, Cheryl Lavergne, Rita Gary, Kurt Lambalino, Kressant Landry, Joy Mayer, Lori Aguillard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Migues, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carrol Romero, Jr., Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Keren Viator, Patsy Barrilleaux, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael & Marie Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Stephanie Breaux Bradley, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran Jackson, Gilbert Jackson, Robin L. Viator, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Gloria Landry, Kate & Dylan Ortego, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego, Colin D. Trahan, Carson Viator, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, Brittany Marceaux, Hadley Babin, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, Randy Breaux, Monique Martin McCarty, Sally Romero, Jason Goutierrez, Edward Hartwell, Caroline Dubois, Donald Poche, Debbie Clark, Gwen Meyers, Jim Upchurch, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Matilda Romero, Thelma Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Curtis Hulin, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Tara Romero, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Ulysse Robicheaux, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Meet Maria Ana

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



We are a sacrificial giving Parish, giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:

OUR GIFTS TO GOD March 15th

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| Loose | \$ 888.00 |
| Envelopes | \$ 4,894.00 |
| Total (collected)..... | \$ 5,782.00 |
| Online Giving offertory..... | \$ 950.00 |
| Mailed in offertory..... | \$ 455.00 |
| Total offertory (week)..... | \$ 7,187.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

Survivors of Violence Mass
 Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:00am
 Immaculata Center Chapel
 1408 Carmel Drive
 Lafayette, LA 70501

Celebrant: Bishop Douglas Deshotel

Please visit <https://diolaf.org/survivorsofviolencemass> or call Stephanie Bernard 337-261-5545 or Kelly Chapman 33-261-5663 to register the name of your loved one that died by violence to be printed in the Mass program and bring a small framed picture of your loved one to display at the Mass.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

formed.org/lent
 free access to FORMED videos



The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization, run by 40 dedicated volunteers. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, and other help) for over 40 years. Last year alone, over 12,000 persons - our neighbors - were served.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

- In the story of the prophet Samuel anointing the young David as the next king, neither Samuel nor David's father, Jesse, foresaw David to be God's anointed. When have you been surprised by God in your life?

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

- St. Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers in Christ, they need to live as "children of light" and "learn what is pleasing to the Lord." From your own life experiences, what do you think pleases God?

Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

- Jesus' healing of the man born blind exposed the blindness of some of the Pharisees of Jesus' day. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?

*Donations for Easter flowers and decorations can now be made by calling the office. 364-8360
Deadline: April 2nd.*



CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, March 23, 2020

Faith Formation Classes have been canceled.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Faith Formation Classes have been canceled.
R.C.I.A. - 6:30pm - Church Office

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am with Mass at 9am
Faith Formation Classes have been canceled.

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Confirmation has been postponed.

Friday, March 27, 2020

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm - Church

Sunday, March 29, 2020

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy
K.C. Shrimp Boil Dinner Pickup - Behind Church Office - 11am - 1pm
Jesus is Alive - 4pm - Parish Hall



Coming May 24th
K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Rusty Simon*



| MASS SERVERS March 24 - 29, 2020 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| DAY DATE | TIME | CELEBRANT | READERS | LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS |
| Tuesday 3/24/20 | 5:30pm | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Pete Aucoin | Percy Barrilleaux Bea Romero | Sacristan |
| Wednesday 3/25/20 | 9:00am | Fr. Ed Degeyter | Ginger Comeaux | Reneé Haney Cindy Landry | Sacristan |
| Thursday 3/26/20 | 5:30pm | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Volunteer | Linda Viator | Sacristan |
| Friday 3/27/20 | 6:30am | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Keith Comeaux | Percy Barrilleaux Mike Degeyter | Sacristan |
| Saturday 3/28/20 | 4:00pm | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Paul Broussard | Curt & Patty Fontenot Margo LeBlanc | Michael Bertrand Garrett Meaux |
| Sunday 3/29/20 | 7:00am | Fr. Ed Degeyter | Ellen Claudy | Donald Voorhies, Brenda Oubre Percy Barrilleaux | Anna Pham Ephraim Trahan |
| | 9:00am | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Nena Suit | Ross & Cindy Landry Phil Haney | Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman |
| | 10:30am | Msgr. J. Robert Romero | Jennifer Reynolds | Karl & Sarah Boudreaux Peggy Fitch, Lloyd Nicholson Kathy Indest, Rickey Huval Brenda Romero | JP Theriot Jack Reynolds |

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